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In Re the Application of:

RICE et al.

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FOR THE ACOUSTIC
IMPROVEMENT OF THE
PULSED CURRENT METHOD
FOR CONTROLLING THE
VELOCITY OF A TRANSDUCER
HEAD"

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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from November 26, 2004 to February 26, 2005.

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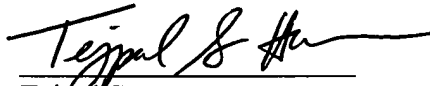
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in connection with payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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